Alumni Newsletter

Manor Junior College
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MANOR COMMUNITY MOURNS DEATH OF SR. OLGA, OSBM

The Manor Junior College Community was shocked by the sudden death of Sr. M. Olga (Olha) Kish, OSBM, who died Sept. 16 after being struck by an automobile while she was crossing the street in front of the College and St. Basil Academy.

Sr. Olga, a past president of Manor Junior College, died at the age of 75, having served 60 years as a Religious in the Order of St. Basil the Great. Sr. Olga, was born Mary Kish and was raised in the orphanage run by the Sisters of St. Basil the Great in Philadelphia. On July 24, 1927, at the age of 15, she entered the Basilian Novitiate at Fox Chase. Upon her entrance into the Order she was given the name of Sr. Olga (Olha).

Sr. Olga, held a B.S. in Education from Catholic University of America, a M.S. in Education from Fordham University and a M.A. in History from Villanova. She also completed most of her course work towards a Doctorate in Education at Columbia University.

Sr. Olga joined the MJC faculty in 1953 and served as the Registrar and then Academic Dean. She held the position of Academic Dean for 16 years, longer than any other Dean. Sr. Olga served on the MJC Board of Trustees from 1960-65 and was elected to President in 1970. She served as President of MJC for six years. Sr. Olga was instrumental in raising funds to erect Mother of Perpetual Help Hall, MJC's academic building, and St. Josaphat Hall, MJC's resident hall. She also played an important role in raising funds for the St. Basil Orphanage.

At the time of her tragic death, Sr. Olga was working as a guidance counselor for freshmen students at St. Basil's Academy.

Sr. Olga also taught school for 23 years at St. Basil's and two other elementary schools. She taught every grade returning to other Ukrainian children the education given to her by the Sisters of St. Basil the Great.

Sr. Olga also served as the Vice-Provincial and Provincial Councillor for the Sisters of St. Basil the Great Sacred Heart Province, Fox Chase, Philadelphia.

SR. OLGA, OSBM

A Parastas Service was held at the Motherhouse Chapel, Friday, Sept. 18, and the Funeral Liturgy was offered in the Motherhouse Chapel, Saturday, Sept. 19. Interment was at the Sisters Cemetery, Fox Chase, Philadelphia.

by Mary Anne Whitehead

Memorial Fund Established

The MJC Development Office has established a special fund in memory of Sr. Olga (Olha), OSBM, past president of MJC. In keeping with Sr. Olga (Olha)'s philosophies, this special fund will be used for library needs. MJC alumni who would like to contribute to this fund may send gifts to the Development Office, Manor Junior College, Fox Chase Road and Forrest Avenue, Jenkintown, PA 19046-3399. Please indicate donation is for Sr. Olga (Olha) Memorial Fund.

Alumna Remembers Sr. Olga (Olha)

"Dear Sister Cecilia,

I was both shocked and saddened to hear about the death of Sister Olga.

Memories of her from my college days flashed through my mind——a Dean and then President who challenged us, expected our best and motivated us to achieve even higher academic goals. She was an integral facet of Manor's 'growing' years.

Later, Sister Olga nominated me to the Advisory Board. Through those years of work and planning, I learned how the college functioned on various levels and my commitment to Manor deepened. I have her to thank for that opportunity.

...May God grant Sister Olga peace and the warmth of His love.

Fondly,
Sally Kuzma Mydlowec
Class of 1966"

Get Ready!

Faith McCracken, MJC development assistant, gives last minute instructions to Wendy Berger, MJC student, during the phonathon held recently at the College.

Photo by Mary Anne Whitehead

Callers Needed

Annual Phonathon Extended

With the help of volunteer callers--alumni, students, staff and parents, the Alumni Office of Manor Junior College sponsored the Annual phonathon in October. Volunteer callers asked alumni to make a donation to MJC's scholarship fund. MJC has received over $2,700 in pledges. Because of the growing number of alumni, the Alumni Office is extending this year's phonathon into January. Volunteer callers will continue to contact MJC alumni through January. The goal for this year's phonathon is $8,000.

The Alumni Office will award prizes to volunteer callers for top pledge, top overall pledges, and most number of successful calls. Those interested in making calls should contact Mary Kay Gordon, MJC Director of Alumni Relations, at (215) 885-2360.

Pledges from last year's phonathon exceeded $6,500 and were used for a scholarship fund for full and part-time students. MJC students who received scholarships are:

--Joanne M. Schubert, of Philadelphia, and Karen Faust, of Warminster, who received Manor Alumni Business Scholarship of $1,000 each.

--Denise Keely, of Philadelphia, and Kimberly Little, of New Oxford, who received the Manor Allied Health Scholarship Award of $500 each; and

--Joanne Azzarono, of Huntingdon Valley, Kellyanne Lauber and Sheila Toner, of Philadelphia, who received the Basilian Awards. Basilian Award is determined by the financial need of each student.

Eligibility criteria for these awards is a combined SAT score of 900 or better, an A-B high school average and submission of two written recommendations and a 500 word essay.

The Alumni Office extends thanks to all alumni who helped make last year's phonathon a successful event. A special thanks to Anna Marie Monaghan '72 MJC alumna for her hard work.

by Faith McCracken

Faculty Call

Anne Knop, MJC chairperson, liberal arts and science division, was one of the many volunteers who called alumni during the annual phonathon.

Photo by Mary Anne Whitehead

Alumni Office Offers Old Yearbooks

The Manor Junior College Alumni Association has yearbooks available from the following years:

1973
1976
1977

If you are interested in obtaining a copy from one of thse years, please stop into the Alumni Office between 9 and 5, Monday through Friday. Due to limited number of yearbooks, the books will be given out first-come, first-serve. Copies of the 1987 yearbook are also available at a cost of $8.

Monte Carlo Night Slated

As part of the 40th Anniversary of Manor Junior College, the College and the Council of President's Associates are sponsoring "A Night on a Riverboat", Saturday, April 16, 1988 from 7 p.m. to midnight. The cost of the event is $20 and includes a buffet dinner, open bar and access to casino tables. The event will raise money for the College and will be held at the College.

Volunteers are needed to assist in the preparations for this event. If interested in volunteering, please contact Mary Kay Gordon at (215) 885-2360. All alumni are invited to attend and will receive more information closer to the event.

Special Guest

Veronica Clearkin, MH/HS, MJC '84 was one of the featured speakers for the April Admissions Open House.

Photo by Mary Anne Whitehead

Alumni Notes

by Faith McCracken

The MJC Alumni Office gathered notes from Alumni through the last issue of the newsletter and the phonathon. Notes printed were received by November 1987. Updates received after deadline will appear in the next issue of the Alumni newsletter.

1965

Maureen Montague Matakonis
"I have five children, and I am a sales rep for New Jersey National Bank. It would be nice to have a reunion."

1966

Janis Checcia
Graduated from Temple; moved to Seattle; since '74, part owner of Amity Vineyards.

1967

Joanne Conicella Keating
Attending Rutgers--studying psychology. Would be interested in attending/helping with a class reunion.

1969

Margaret Benzinger Rossi
Received BA in business from St. Joseph's University. Has a daughter, 12, and son, 9.

Elizabeth Moleski Colanna
Received a masters in Ed. and teaches 3rd grade. Has three children, Stephanie, 11; Marisa, 9; and Christopher, 5.

Catherine Ronan Burgoyne
Has two children, Megan, 7, and David, 3. Taught 12 years at St. Luke's in Glenside. Husband is head nurse at Medical College of Penna.

Christine Landy Noble
Residing in Florida where she is an office manager for a doctor's office.

1970

Mary Ellen Madison
Earned MBA in international business from National University of CA. Has been in CA for 10 years. Was first female coordinator of materials management at Atlantic Richfield.

Mother-Daughter Grads

Carol Zacharias, at left, '84 MJC alumna, congratulates her daughter, Joanne, on her graduation from Manor, May 14, 1987. Joanne earned an associate degree in the Administrative Secretarial program. She was recognized for her membership in Alpha Beta Gamma, the National Business Honor Society for two-year colleges. Carol received an associate degree in Business Administration. She was one of eight '84 graduates who received special recognition for "life experiences." As a single-parent, Carol worked full-time and maintained a 4.0 cumulative average while attending school.

Photo by Mary Anne Whitehead

Margaret Lieb O'Rourke
Residing in Dublin, Ireland since May, 1987.

1971

Patrice Devine Krivulka
Attended Holy Family for three years. Would love to hear from her classmates. Call alumni office for her phone number.

Donna Ruick Forbes
Has a beautiful five-year-old daughter.

Ellen McCloskey
Is a medical secretary at Abington Hospital.

1972

Phyllis Paris
"I have been teaching 3rd grade in the Philadelphia Archdiocese for 15 years. I received my BA from Holy Family and masters at Beaver College. I am a Reading Specialist but have not worked as one since graduating from Beaver. If the opportunity presents itself, I would like to work in my field."

Elizabeth Bono Cranen
Has three boys--David, James and Joseph.

Margaret Henrick Macart
Coaches a girls basketball team. Is expecting a fourth child and bought a new house.

Marie E. Hegarty
Is a computer project manager.

Kathryn Zerumsky Keiligan
Has two girls--8 and 4 years old.

1974

Patricia Wright
Is a kindergarten teacher at Drew Elementary School.

Deborah Pagnano
Adopted a girl, Mugan--three years old.

Melanie Radzinski
Has a son 2 and ½ and is expecting at Thanksgiving.

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HELP! We don't want to lose you——and neither do your classmates. Take a moment and let us know where you are and what is happening in your "life after Manor".

Major _____

Name _____ Class _____
FIRST MAIDEN LAST

Address _____ Phone ( ) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Employer _____ Phone ( ) _____

Spouse Name _____

Children (Names & Ages) _____

Special News _____

Congratulations

Eileen Suffet, at right, assistant academic dean at MJC, received the Board of Trustees Service Award for her 12 years of outstanding and dedicated service to MJC. The award was presented at the Board's Faculty Appreciation Dinner. Congratulating Mrs. Suffet, are from left, Dr. Madeline Seltzer, English faculty member and Anne Knop, Philosophy instructor, and chairperson of the Liberal Arts/Science division at MJC.

Photo by Mary Anne Whitehead

Alumni Notes

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1975

Mary Ann Witalec Keyes
"I am still enjoying the best of all worlds, working part-time for my husband, Brian and caring for our son, John. Brian has a busy practice as an attorney in PA and NJ. If any Manor grads are looking for employment as a legal secretary in New Hope, PA or Stockton, NJ pleae give us a call!"

Kathleen Lopuszanski
Is a legal secretary for International Consultants.

1980

Maureen Kiely Otto
Is a full-time mother and homemaker. Has a son, Christopher, 2 years old.

1982

Dina Mailetti
Earned BS from Jefferson and works as medical technologist at SmithKline Beckmen.

Tina Fitzgerald Walsh
Is married and expecting a baby in February.

1983

Maureen McDowell Stockette
Working as an EFDA for Dr. Theodore Hill in Paoli and likes it very much. Recently bought a house.

Janemarie Newton
Works for EPA (Phila.) as administrative assistant.

Deborah Noe Coe
Married Oct. 4, 1987 and has been working at St. Mary's as a lab technician since graduation.

Susanne Simons
Working since graduation at PAR Associates in Feasterville as an executive secretary.

Ann DeVito
Working for court house in Montgomery County.

Barbara Wagner
Getting married June 11, 1988 to Tom Beltramo. Works in Hatboro for Dr. Solomon as Dental Assistant.

Nancy Smith Dahmer
Married June 20, 1987--classmate Maureen McDowell Stockette was in wedding. Graduated from Jefferson as a dental hygienist and now working in this field in South Orange, NJ.

Beth Ehasz
Getting married May 21, 1988 to Michael Rogers of Phila. Works at Yorktown Dental in Elkins Park.

Kathleen Kernaghan
Getting married Nov. 26, 1988 to Larry Davis.

Mary Zwirblis
Working at CIGNA Corp., Phila. Recently returned from Bermuda and the hurricane! Is thinking about going back to school for acting.

Lisa Schellinger
Working in Langhorne as an EFDA for Smile Dental Assoc.

Ilene Tankel
Graduated from Temple with an AS in Hygiene.

Jackie Rice
Married George Spandara--April, 1987. Lives in Willow Grove.

1984

Dana Budinsky Tiltson
Has a daughter Samantha, 2 years old.

Karen Eckstein
Attends Temple--criminal justice major.

Sheila Grimes
Married Tom Malen--Nov. 14.

Joan Hill
Getting married, Oct. '88.

Diane McClaine
Is a computer operator with Kraft Foods.

Tracey Houghton
Working for a law firm.

Particia Clark
Attending Wharton evening school full-time.

Sharon Duden
Getting married, Sept. '88.

Kim Baronowski Martin
Married Ray Martin--Oct. 17.

1985

Lisa Kardon
Working in the Scranton-Wilkes Barre-Hazelton area as a court reporter.

Rosemarie DiPuppo Drusedum
Married Bill Drusedum--June 6 and works for Dr. Barry Cooper in Abington.

Joanne Karcewski
"Since graduating from Manor in 1985, I have been working at Abington Memorial Hospital in the Radiation Therapy Dept. I was recently promoted to medical transcriptionist secretary for radiation therapy and radiology."

Donna Marie Kopczyski
Engaged Dec. '86 to Harry Weckerby, Jr. Sept. '88 wedding planned.

Jamie Friedenberg
Continuing her education at Temple. Engaged to Charles Covington, a graduate from Johnson & Wales College. Wedding planned for 1989.

Maureen Walls Doughtery
Had a baby girl Sept. 21--Kaitlen Ann; 6lbs., 12oz.

Joanne Schock
Attending Holy Family. "Tell everyone I said "Hi!""

1987

Paula Dettman
Getting married to Tony Bednarz--May 6, 1989.

Margaret Bettinger
Attending Glassboro State College.

Sue Ann Barber
Attending University of Central Texas in December.

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